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Applicant : MANTRIPRAGADA B. SANKARAM et al. Art Unit: 1648
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Title : MULTIVESICULAR LIPOSOMES WITH CONTROLLED RELEASE OF
ENCAPSULATED BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE SUBSTANCES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

DECLARATION OF MANTRIPRAGADA B. SANKARAM
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Dear Sir:

1. I, Mantripragada B. Sankaram, declare and say that I am a resident of San Diego, California. My residence address is 12655 Sandy Crest Court, San Diego, CA 92130-2775.

2. I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry which I received from Andhra University, Waltair, India in 1977. I further hold a Master of Science degree which I received from the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India in 1979. I hold a Ph.D. in Molecular Biophysics which I received from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, India, in 1983. I am currently Director of Research and Analytical Development at DepoTech Corporation, 10450 Science Center Drive, San Diego, CA 92121, which is a wholly owned subsidiary of SkyePharma PLC, 105 Picadilly, London W1V 9FN, UK. My curriculum vitae is attached, and indicates my expertise and experience in the areas of chemistry and pharmaceuticals.

3. I am familiar with the claims of the above-identified patent application. I directed researchers and personally performed experiments associated with the invention disclosed and claimed therein.

4. I have read the Office Action dated September 28, 1998 in this application and understand the Examiner has rejected claims 1-34, in part, on the grounds that "nowhere in the specification are to be found a clear description of what constitutes the 'first aqueous component' and the 'second aqueous component'" and "it is not also clear if the first and second aqueous components are the same or different".

5. The term "aqueous" is well-known in the art, in particular in the art of making liposomes (Liposome Technology Volumes I, II and III, Ed. G. Gregoriadis, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 1993). As the Examiner pointed out, "An aqueous component would be a solution or a mixture of some substance or water-miscible solvent". The aqueous components of the current invention conform to the definition given by the Examiner as well as those well-known in the art (Liposome Technology). Therefore, no further elaboration is needed in the specification, as any person having ordinary skill in the art would readily be able to discern the meaning of the term "aqueous".

6. The present invention is based on two aqueous components namely, the first aqueous component and the second aqueous component. Both aqueous components conform to the description given above, with the exception that the first aqueous component must further contain a biologically active substance and a non-hydrohalic acid. The biologically active substances and the non-hydrohalic acids pertaining to the invention can be found throughout the specification and the examples. With the exception of the addition of the biologically active substance and the non-hydrohalic acid to the first aqueous component, the two aqueous components can be the same or different, to the extent that they both conform with the general description of "aqueous" as noted above.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title XVIII of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Scientific and managerial positions including Senior Scientist, Staff Scientist, Project Leader and Director at DepoTech Corporation. Current job title is Director, Research and Analytical Development. Reporting to the President and Chief Operating Officer, this position is responsible for (a) basic and applied research on injectable depot drug delivery for Small Molecules, Cytokines, Growth Factors, Peptide/Hormones, Nucleic Acids and Vaccines, (b) Technology Characterization, (c) Intellectual Property Development, and (d) Bio-Analytical Method Development and Validation.

Selected Accomplishments

- Developed technologies for sustained-release drug delivery of small molecules, proteins, peptides and nucleic acids using lipids, biodegradable polymers, liposomes, vesicles, microspheres, and other proprietary systems
- Led Development Projects from Concept through Clinical Trials
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EDUCATION

1985-89	Postdoctoral Research	Max Planck Institute for Biophysical Chemistry, Goettingen, Germany
1984	Ph.D. Molecular Biophysics	Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
1979	M.S. Chemistry	University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
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HONORS AND AWARDS

1985	Junior Fellow, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany
1986	Fellowship from the Max Planck Society, Germany
1979	University Medal, Top of the Class
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PUBLICATIONS

Over 40 Peer-Reviewed Publications, Review Articles, Book Chapters and Patents.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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